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On 30 September 1953, the Heeres Flak Kaserne (8181) west of Schubert Strasse and the Neue Kaserne (8181) east of Schubert Strasse, Gotha, were occupied by about 500 to 600 troops, mostly wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 27 September, about 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and equipped with 30 light and 30 heavy machine guns were seen leaving the barracks area toward the post training field, while about 120 troops were lined up for a roll call in the barracks installation. At about 8 a.m. on 29 September, about 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and including about 100 troops carrying spades, saws and axes, left the installation. Truck                     , occupied by 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, left the installation for the training area, dropping sentries at different points. The truck was followed by trucks                      occupied by 10 officers and 10 NCOs. At about 9 a.m. about 20 soldiers engaged in firing with carbines in the barracks area and 10 soldiers were maintaining 2 ambulances and 1 truck in front of the vehicle sheds. Motor vehicles                      were seen en route to and from the installation.

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The information indicates that the bulk of the units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed there had not yet returned from the Kindel troop training grounds in late September.                     .

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